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SUBJ: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: POSSIBLE DELAY

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 2339

1. AMERICAN MISSIONARY MARROW RECEIVED FROM SAME MESSENGERS AS

CARRIED LETTER TO MACFARLANE (REFTEL), A LONG AND BARELY LEGIBLE
HAND-WRITTEN LETTER IN VERY AWKWARD SWAHILI SIGNED BY ALFRED NONDO.
ONLY FOUR SENTENCES IN LETTER APPEAR RELEVANT TO OUR PRESENT
CONCERN AND SAY, AS BEST EMBASSY LANGUAGE OFFICERS (AIDED BY
SWAHILI-SPEAKERS IN KIGOMA) CAN MAKE OUT, AS FOLLOWS:

QTE IN THE NAME OF GOD IN THE HEAVENS, HAVE NO DOUBTS THAT
HE WILL BE SET FREE WITHOUT ANY DOUBT. EXCEPT THAT WHAT WE AGREED
TO THREE DAYS AGO ABOUT JULY 2, 1975; IT WILL NOT BE THAT DAY ANY
MORE. AND IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DO IT AGAIN EXCEPT IN TWO WEEKS.
THE DELAY TO THAT DAY RESULTS FROM THE PREPARATIONS WHICH ARE
BEING TAKEN FOR HIS SAFETY. UNQTE

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2. SWAHILI TEXT IS AS FOLLOWS, AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS
FSI OR OTHER DEPT SWAHILI EXPERTS:

QTE KWA JINA LA MUNGU WA MBINGUNI USIWE NA SHAKA ATAACHILIWA
HURU BILA SHAKA. ISIPOKUWA JAMBO HILO TULILOWAELEZENI LA SIKU
YA TATU YA TAREHE 2-7-75 HAITAKUWA TEREHE HIYO TENA. WALA
HAIWEZI KUFANYA TENA JUMA MBILI SIVYO. KUCHELEWA KWA TAREHE
HIYO INATOKANA NA MATAYARISHO VIPI KUMTUMANA JUU YA USALAMA
WAKE HASA. UNQTE

3. IT SEEMS MARROW HAD GLANCED AT LETTER AND PUT IT ASIDE, AND
IT WAS NOT DECIPHERED UNTIL AFTER MESSENGERS HAD RETURNED TO
ZAIRE SIDE OF LAKE (FAO BOAT GAVE THEM TOW PART WAY), SO
IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE ATTEMPT VERIFY MESSAGE WITH THEM. MESSENGERS
HAVE NOT RETURNED TO KIGOMA.

4. WE SENDING CHARTER PLANE TO KIGOMA TODAY (JULY 2) WITH VICE
CONSUL SCENNA. IF SMITH RELEASED TODAY OR TONIGHT, IT WILL BRING
HIM TO DAR JULY 3; IF NOT, IT WILL BRING BACK CONSUL MACFARLANE
FOR A FEW DAYS CONSULTATIONS HERE, LEAVING SCENNA ON SCENE IN
KIGOMA. DAVID HAMBURG ALSO PLANS RETURN IN ORDER TO CONSULT WITH
US AND WITH STANFORD VIA PHONE.

5. COMMENT: WE DO NOT KNOW QUITE WHAT TO MAKE OF NONDO'S MESSAGE.
COULD BE PRELUDE TO NEW SERIES OF DEMANDS -- MOST LIKELY FOR RE-
TURN OF REMAINING PRP PRISONERS. WE HAVE BEEN SPECULATING WHETHER
THERE MAY BE DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN NONDO AND PRESIDENT KABILA,
WITH NONDO SEEKING ABIDE BY TERMS OF AGREEMENT AND KABILA HOLDING
OUT FOR PRISONER RELEASE BEFORE SMITH SET FREE. IF SO, THERE IS
AT LEAST SLIGHT HOPE THAT OUR MESSAGES SENT JULY 1/2, THAT NO
MORE PRISONERS WILL BE RELEASED HERE UNTIL SMITH IS FREED, COULD
INDUCE PRP TO GO BACK TO ORIGINAL RELEASE SCHEDULE. WHILE WE
WOULD, OF COURSE, EXAMINE CAREFULLY ANY FURTHER DEMANDS FROM
PRP, WE STILL OF VIEW THAT THEY SHOULD BE FIRMLY REFUSED SO
FAR AS WE CONCERNED, AND THAT PARENTS SHOULD BE ADVISED TO DO
THE SAME.
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